

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

1. (Currently Amended) A method for at least one player to play a card game with a deck of cards, and for the at least one player optionally to participate in auxiliary play for a bonus prize, the method comprising:

receiving a selection from each of the at least one player, the selection indicating whether to participate in the auxiliary play;

dealing at least one card from the deck of cards to each of the at least one player in accordance with the card game;

determining whether each of the at least one player participating in the auxiliary play was dealt four royal cards of the same suit; and

if one of the at least one player participating in the auxiliary play was dealt four royal cards of the same suit, awarding a bonus prize to the one of the at least one player participating in the auxiliary play dealt four royal cards of the same suit,
regardless of the dealer hand;

further comprising:

receiving a selection from each of the at least one player whether to wager in a first round;

taking a first ante from each of the at least one player selecting not to wager in the first round;

taking a second ante from each of the at least one player participating in the auxiliary play and selecting not to wager in the first round, and

for each of the at least one player that folds, taking the at least one player out of the game.

2. (Original) The method of Claim 1, wherein the selection indicates whether to participate in the card game.

3. (Currently amended) A method for at least one player to play a card game with a deck of cards, and for the at least one player optionally to participate in auxiliary play for a bonus prize, the method comprising:

receiving a selection from each of the at least one player, the selection indicating whether to participate in the auxiliary play;

dealing at least one card from the deck of cards to each of the at least one player in accordance with the card game;

determining whether each of the at least one player participating in the auxiliary play was dealt four royal cards of the same suit; and

if one of the at least one player participating in the auxiliary play was dealt four royal cards of the same suit, awarding a bonus prize to the one of the at least one player participating in the auxiliary play dealt four royal cards of the same suit regardless of dealer hand wherein the card game is played in accordance with the standard rules of poker using hands of five cards.

4. (Original) The method of Claim 1, wherein receiving a selection from each of the at least one player comprises:

receiving a first ante from each player participating in the card game.

5. (Original) The method of Claim 1, wherein receiving a selection from each of the at least one player comprises:

receiving a second ante from each player participating in the auxiliary play.

6. (Canceled)

7. (Previously presented) The method of Claim 1, wherein receiving the selection from the at least one player whether to wager in the first round comprises receiving a first play bet.

8. (Canceled)

9. (Previously presented) The method of Claim 1, further comprising:
receiving a selection from each of the at least one player whether to wager in a second round.

10. (Original) The method of Claim 9, wherein receiving the selection from the at least one player whether to wager in the second round comprises:
receiving a second play bet.

11. (Original) The method of Claim 9, further comprising:
taking a first ante from each of the at least one player selecting not to wager in the second round;

taking a first play bet from each of the at least one player selecting not to wager in the second round; and

taking a second ante from each of the at least one player participating in the auxiliary play and selecting not to wager in the second round.

12. (Original) The method of Claim 1, wherein dealing at least one card from the deck of cards to each of the at least one player in accordance with the card game comprises:

dealing two cards down and one card up to each of the at least one player.

13. (Original) The method of Claim 12, wherein dealing at least one card from the deck of cards to each of the at least one player in accordance with the card game further comprises:

dealing one card up to each of the at least one player remaining in the card game.

14. (Original) The method of Claim 13, wherein dealing at least one card from the deck of cards to each of the at least one player in accordance with the card game further comprises:

dealing one card to each of the at least one player remaining in the card game.

15. (Currently Amended) A method for at least one player to play a card game with representations of cards, each representation of a card corresponding to a

card in a standard deck of cards, and for the at least one player optionally to participate in auxiliary play for a bonus prize, the method comprising:

receiving a selection from each of the at least one player, the selection indicating whether to participate in the auxiliary play;

assigning at least one representation of a card to each of the at least one player in accordance with the card game;

determining whether each of the at least one player participating in the auxiliary play was assigned the representations of cards corresponding to four royal cards of the same suit; and

if one of the at least one player participating in the auxiliary play was assigned the representations of cards corresponding to four royal cards of the same suit, awarding a bonus prize to the one of the at least one player participating in the auxiliary play assigned the representations of cards corresponding to four royal cards of the same suit regardless of a qualifying hand,

wherein the card game is played in accordance with the standard rules of poker using hands of five cards.

16. (Currently Amended) A system for at least one player to play a card game with representations of cards, each representation of a card corresponding to a card in a standard deck of cards, and for each of the at least one player optionally to participate in auxiliary play for a bonus prize, the system comprising:

at least one input device for the at least one player to input data for play of the card game;

a processor coupled to the at least one input device for receiving input data from the at least one input device; and

at least one display device coupled to the processor for displaying display information;

wherein the processor receives a selection from each of the at least one player, the selection indicating whether to participate in the auxiliary play;

wherein the processor assigns at least one representation of a card to each of the at least one player in accordance with the card game;

wherein the processor determines whether each of the at least one player participating in the auxiliary play was assigned the representations of cards corresponding to four royal cards of the same suit;

wherein, if one of the at least one player participating in the auxiliary play was assigned the representations of cards corresponding to the four royal cards of the same suit, the processor awards a bonus prize to the one of the at least one player participating in the auxiliary play assigned the representations of cards corresponding to the four royal cards of the same suit regardless of a qualifying hand;

wherein the processor outputs information to the at least one display device, and

wherein the card game is played in accordance with the standard rules of poker using hands of five cards.

17. (Original) The system of Claim 16, further comprising a terminal.

18. (Original) The system of Claim 16, further comprising at least one terminal on a network.

19. (Original) The system of Claim 18, further comprising a server on the network.

20. (Original) The system of Claim 19, wherein the at least one terminal and the server are coupled via a coupling.

21. (Original) The system of Claim 20, wherein the coupling comprises one from the group consisting of a wired connection, a wireless connection, and a fiberoptic connection.

22. (Original) The system of Claim 18, wherein the at least one terminal comprises one selected from a group consisting of a personal computer, a minicomputer, a microcomputer, a main frame computer, a telephone device, and a personal digital assistant.

23. (Original) The system of Claim 19, wherein the server comprises one selected from a group consisting of a personal computer, a minicomputer, a microcomputer, and a main frame computer.

24. (Original) The system of Claim 18, wherein the network is the Internet.

25. (Original) The system of Claim 18, wherein the network is an intranet.

26. (Currently Amended) A device for at least one player to play a card game with representations of cards, each representation of a card corresponding to a card in a standard deck of cards, and for the at least one player optionally to participate in auxiliary play for a bonus prize, the device comprising:

an input device for the at least one player to input data for play of the card game;

a payment input for the at least one player to input payment;

a processor coupled to the input device for receiving the input data from the input device; and

a display device coupled to the processor for displaying display information;

wherein the processor receives a selection from each of the at least one player, the selection indicating whether to participate in the auxiliary play;

wherein the payment input receives payment from each of the at least one player;

wherein the processor assigns at least one representation of a card to each of the at least one player in accordance with the card game;

wherein the processor determines whether each of the at least one player participating in the auxiliary play was assigned the representations of cards corresponding to four royal cards of the same suit;

wherein, if one of the at least one player participating in the auxiliary play was assigned the representations of cards corresponding to the four royal cards of the same

suit, the processor awards a bonus prize to the one of the at least one player participating in the auxiliary play assigned the representations of cards corresponding to the four royal cards of the same suit regardless of a qualifying hand;

wherein the processor outputs information to the display device, and

wherein the card game is played in accordance with the standard rules of poker using hands of five cards.

27. (Original) The device of Claim 26, wherein the device comprises a slot machine.

28. (Withdrawn) A gaming table for at least one player to play a card game with a deck of cards, and for the at least one player optionally to participate in auxiliary play, the gaming table comprising:

a table surface;

a dealer location indicated on the table surface; and

at least one player location indicated on the table surface, each of the at least one player location comprising

an indicated ante location, and

an indicated auxiliary ante location;

wherein a selection is received from at least one player, the selection indicating whether to participate in the auxiliary play;

wherein at least one card is dealt from the deck of cards to each of the at least one player in accordance with the card game;

wherein a determination is made as to whether each of the at least one player participating in the auxiliary play was dealt four royal cards of the same suit; and

wherein, if one of the at least one player participating in the auxiliary play was dealt four royal cards of the same suit, a bonus prize is awarded to the one of the at least one player participating in the auxiliary play dealt four royal cards of the same suit.